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Or that one penal law, by ADAM broke,
Should make GOD break His own eternal
law !
The settled order of the world revoke 1
And change all forms of things, which He
foresaw I

Could EVE'S weak hand, extended to the
tree, In sunder rent that Adamantine
Chain, Whose golden links, Effects and
Causes be; And which to GOD's own
chair, doth fixt remain ?

O could we see ! how Cause from Cause
doth spring ! How mutually they linked
and folded are! And hear how oft one
disagreeing string, The harmony doth
rather make, than mar!

And view at once, how Death by sin is
brought! And how from Death a better
Life doth rise ! How this, GOD's Justice
and his Mercy taught! We, this decree,
would praise, as right and wise !

But we (that measure times, by First and
Last) The sight of things successively do
take ! When GOD, on all at once, His
view doth cast; And of all times, doth
but one instant make !

All in Himself, as in a glass, He sees !
And from Him, by Him, through Him, all
things be!
His sight is not discursive, by degrees;
But seeing the whole, each single part
doth see!

He looks on ADAM, as a root, or well!
And on his heirs, as branches, and as
streams! He sees all men as one man !
though they dwell In sundry cities, and
in sundry realms.

And as the root and branch are but one
tree, And well and stream do but one
river make; So, if the root and well
corrupted be ; The stream and branch
the same corruption take!